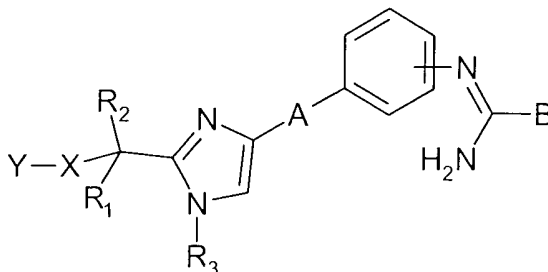


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended)

A compound ~~Compound~~ of general the formula (i)



in the form of racemic, enantiomeric mixture of any combination of these forms,

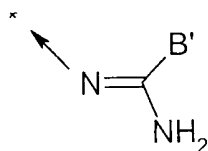
~~in which~~ wherein

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of ~~represents~~ a hydrogen, ~~atom or an~~ alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, ~~radical, or also one of the~~ aryl ~~or and~~ aralkyl ~~radicals~~, the aromatic ring of which is optionally substituted from ~~once one~~ one to 3 times by ~~substituents~~ a member chosen independently selected from the group consisting of ~~from a~~ halogen, ~~atom and an~~ alkyl ~~or and~~ alkoxy ~~radical~~;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of ~~represents~~ a hydrogen, ~~atom or an~~ alkyl ~~or and~~ aralkyl ~~radical~~;

X is selected from the group consisting of ~~represents~~ a bond ~~or a linear or branched~~ alkylene of ~~radical containing from~~ 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

Y is selected from the group consisting of ~~represents~~ a hydrogen, ~~atom~~, a cycloalkyl, ~~radical, an NR₄R₅, OR₁₄, or SR₁₅ and~~ radical or a



radical, or also Y is selected from the group consisting of ~~represents an aryl radical~~
 optionally substituted from one ~~once~~ to 3 times by member ~~substituents chosen~~
 independently ~~from a~~ selected from the group consisting of halogen, ~~atom and an alkyl~~
and ~~or~~ alkoxy radical;

A ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of a bond or the phenylene radical;

B and B' are ~~chosen~~ independently selected from the group consisting of ~~from an alkyl,~~
~~radical, a cycloalkyl, radical, an -NR₆R₇, -SR₈, radical, a carbocyclic aryl and radical or a~~
~~heterocyclic aryl radical with 5 to 6 ring members containing from having~~ 1 to 4
 heteroatoms ~~chosen from~~ selected from the group consisting of O, S and N, said
 carbocyclic and heterocyclic aryl ~~radicals~~ being optionally substituted by one to three
~~groups chosen~~ independently selected from the group consisting of ~~from the~~ alkyl,
 alkenyl and ~~or~~ alkoxy, ~~radicals~~;

R₄ ~~is represents a~~ selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~atom or an alkyl,~~
 cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, -(C(O)/R₉, -C(O)OR₉, -C(O)NHR₉, ~~or -SO₂R₉ radica~~, ~~or~~
~~also one of the and~~ aralkyl, ~~radicals~~ the aromatic ring of which is optionally substituted
~~from once~~ one to 3 times by a member ~~substituents chosen~~ independently selected from

~~the group consisting of from a hydrogen, atom and an alkyl and or alkoxy radical, or R₄ represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of bis-phenylalkyl radical,

~~R₅ represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~atom or an~~ alkyl, aryl ~~or and~~ aralkyl, ~~radical,~~

or ~~also~~ R₄ and R₅ form with the nitrogen atom which carries them a non-aromatic heterocyclic ~~with~~ of five to seven ring members ~~containing from~~ having 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the elements for completing the heterocycle being ~~chosen~~ independently ~~from a group comprising~~ selected from the group consisting of -CHR₁₀-, -NR₁₁-, -O- and -S-;

R₆ and R₇ ~~represent~~ are selected from the group consisting of ~~a~~ hydrogen, ~~atom or an~~ alkyl, alkenyl ~~or and~~ alkynyl ~~radical;~~

or R₆ ~~represents a nitro radical is~~ -NO₂ and R₇ ~~represents a~~ is hydrogen atom,

or ~~also~~ R₆ and R₇ form with the nitrogen atom which carries them a non-aromatic heterocyclic with five to six ring members, the elements for completing the heterocycle being ~~chosen~~ independently ~~from a group comprising~~ selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -NR₁₂-, -O- and -S-;

R₈ ~~represents a linear or branched~~ is alkyl radical ~~having of~~ 1 to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted from ~~once~~ one to 3 times by ~~one or more substituents chosen a~~ member independently ~~from a~~ selected from the group consisting of halogen, ~~atom and the~~ -OH, amino, cyano and aryl ~~radicals;~~

R₉ ~~represents an~~ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl ~~or~~

cycloalkylalkyl radical, ~~or also one of the~~ carbocyclic ~~or~~ and heterocyclic aralkyl ~~or~~ and aryl, ~~radicals~~ the aromatic ring of which is optionally substituted from ~~once~~ one to 3 times by ~~substituents chosen~~ a member independently ~~from a~~ selected from the group consisting of halogen, ~~atom and an~~ alkyl ~~or~~ and alkoxy radical;

R₁₀ ~~represents a~~ is selected from a group consisting of hydrogen, ~~atom or an~~ alkyl ~~or~~ and aryl radical optionally substituted from ~~once~~ one to 3 times by ~~substituents~~ a member independently ~~from a~~ selected from the group consisting of halogen, ~~atom and an~~ alkyl ~~or~~ and alkoxy radical,

R₁₁ ~~represents~~ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen, ~~atom, an~~ alkyl, radical, a cycloalkyl, radical, a cycloalkylalkyl, radical, a -C(O)R₁₃, radical, a -C(O)OR₁₃, radical, an -SO₂R₁₃, radical, a -C(O)NHR₁₃ radical, ~~or also one of~~ and the aryl ~~or~~ and aralkyl, ~~radicals,~~ the aromatic ring of which is optionally substituted from ~~once~~ one to 3 times by a member ~~substituents chosen~~ independently ~~from a~~ selected from the group consisting of halogen, ~~atom and an~~ alkyl ~~or~~ and alkoxy radical;

R₁₂ ~~represents a~~ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen ~~atom or an~~ alkyl radical;

R₁₃ ~~represents an~~ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, radical, a haloalkyl radical ~~or also one of the~~ and carbocyclic ~~or~~ and heterocyclic aralkyl or aryl, ~~radicals~~ the aromatic ring of which is optionally substituted ~~from once~~ one to 3 times by ~~substituents chosen~~ a member independently selected from the group consisting of ~~from a~~ halogen, ~~atom and an~~ alkyl ~~or~~ and alkoxy radical;

~~R₁₄ represents an~~ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, radical, the phenyl radical or an and aralkyl radical; and ~~finally~~

~~R₁₅ represents an~~ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, radical, the phenyl radical or an and aralkyl radical;

it being understood:

- that ~~an alkyl or alkoxy radical, unless otherwise specified, is~~ has linear or branched and contains from 1 to 12 carbon atoms;
- that ~~an alkenyl or alkynyl, radical, unless otherwise specified, is~~ has linear or branched and contains from has 2 to 6 carbon atoms;
- that a cycloalkyl, ~~radical, unless otherwise specified, comprises from~~ has 3 to 7 carbon atoms;
- ~~or and~~ a salt of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (I).

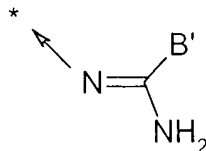
Claim 2 (currently amended)

~~Compound~~ A compound of ~~general formula (I) according to claim 1,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein X ~~represents~~ is a bond or ~~a linear or branched alkylene radical containing from~~ of 1 to 5 carbon atoms and Y ~~represents an~~ is -NR₄R₅ radical;
~~or and a salt of this compound thereof.~~

Claim 3 (currently amended)

~~Compound~~ A compound of ~~general formula (I) according to claim 1,~~

characterized in that ~~wherein X represents~~ is a bond or a linear or branched alkylene radical containing ~~from~~ of 1 to 5 carbon atoms and Y ~~represents a~~ is



radical;

~~or and a salt of this compound~~ thereof

Claim 4 (currently amended)

~~Compound A compound~~ Compound A of general formula (I) according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein X represents~~ is a bond or a linear or branched alkylene radical containing ~~from~~ of 1 to 5 carbon atoms and Y ~~represents a~~ is cycloalkyl radical or an aryl radical optionally substituted ~~from once one~~ 1 to 3 times by ~~substituents chosen a~~ member independently selected from the group consisting of ~~from a~~ halogen, atom and an alkyl ~~or and~~ alkoxy radical; ~~or and a salt of this compound~~ thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

~~Compound A compound~~ Compound A of general formula (I) according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein X represents~~ is a bond and Y ~~represents a~~ is hydrogen atom whilst and at least one of R₁ and R₂ ~~represents a radical chosen from the~~ is selected from

the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl or and cycloalkylalkyl radicals; or and a salt of this compound thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

~~Compound A~~ A compound of general formula (I) according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that it is chosen from the following compounds:~~

selected from the group consisting of

- butyl-2-[4-(4-{{(1Z)-amino(thien-2-yl)methylene}-amino}phenyl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]ethylcarbamate;
- butyl-2-[4-(3-{{(1E)-amino(thien-2-yl)methylene}-amino}phenyl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]ethylcarbamate;
- butyl-2-[4-(4'-{{(1Z)-amino(thien-2-yl)methylene}amino}-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]ethylcarbamate;
- N'-(4-{2-[(cyclohexylamino)methyl]-1H-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- N'-(4-{2-[2-(cyclohexylamino)ethyl]-1H-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- N'-(3-{2-[(cyclohexylamino)methyl]-1H-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- N'-[4-(2-{[cyclohexyl(methyl)amino]methyl}-1H-imidazol-4-yl)phenyl]thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- N'-(4-{2-[(dibenzylamino)methyl]-1H-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- N'-(4-{2-[(benzylamino)methyl]-1H-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- N'-(3-[2-(aminomethyl)-1H-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;

- *N'*-{3-[2-({[(1*E*)-amino(thien-2-yl)methylene]-amino} methyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{4-[2-({[(1*E*)-amino(thien-2-yl)methylene]-amino} methyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N*-{3-[2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{3-[2-(1-pentylhexyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{4-[2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{3-[2-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{3-[2-(3-cyclohexylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-[3-(2-hexyl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)phenyl]thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N*-{4-[2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}-*N''*-nitroguanidine;
- *N'*-(4-{2-[(cycloheptylamino)methyl]-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-(4-{2-[(methylamino)methyl]-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-(4-{2-[(cyclobutylamino)methyl]-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-[4-(2-{[(2,2-diphenylethyl)amino]methyl}-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)phenyl]thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{3-[2-(2-{[(1*E*)-amino(thien-2-yl)methylene]amino}ethyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-(3-{2-[(phenylthio)methyl]-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-(4-{2-[(phenylthio)methyl]-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl}phenyl)thiophene-2-carboximidamide;
- *N'*-{3-[2-(4-isobutylbenzyl)-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl]phenyl}thiophene-2-carboximidamide;

~~or and a salt of said compound of general formula (I) thereof.~~

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended)

~~Pharmaceutical~~ A pharmaceutical composition containing, as active ingredient, a compound of ~~general formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound~~ and an inert pharmaceutical compound.

Claims 9 and 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (new)

The method intended to treat or prevent a disorder/disease selected from the group consisting of pain, multiple sclerosis, disorders of the central or peripheral nervous system, cardiovascular disorders, disorders of the skeletal muscle and of the neuromuscular joints, inflammatory diseases, hearing losses of traumatic, acoustic or toxic origin and tinnitus, complications linked with auto-immune and viral diseases and the neurological diseases associated with intoxication, treatments and disorders of genetic origin in warm-blooded animals comprising administering to warm-blooded animals in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

Claim 12 (new)

The method of claim 11 wherein pain is treated.